

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kerry Zang et al.  
Serial No.: 10/777,514  
Filing Date: February 11, 2004  
Confirmation No.: 5263  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: Cheryl L. Miller  
Title: CONICAL, THREADED SUBTALAR IMPLANT

**MAIL STOP AF**  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action dated November 4, 2009 (the "*Office Action*"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments. Please amend the Application as follows.